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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 24, 2003, of the Examiner rejecting claims 25-44 of the above-identified patent application.

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